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Mediablitz tonight

Mediablitz '87 will descend upon Drew today like a horde of wild elephants- or at least one very friendly one.

Among the featured attractions will be Rosy the elephant, a full-grown pachyderm who will tour the campus and offer three hours of rides to interested Drewids. The inspiration for hiring Rosy came from Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman who had previously rented Rosy while he was working at Norwich University.

At 8 pm, after Rosy has packed her trunks and departed, Jersey shore progressive band Bonnet Rouge will once more grace the Baldwin-Hazelton courtyard for over three hours of dance music and entertainment.

Bonnet Rouge has previously appeared at Drew on several occasions, in addition to appearances at major Jersey shore clubs and two stints as the youngest band ever to play at the New York rock club CBGB's.

Additionally, a picnic dinner provided by Seiler's will be served next to Rosy's ring from 5-6:30 pm in lieu of normal Commons and Snack Bar Valentine service. The Seiler's dinner will consist of hamburgers, hotdogs, cold salads, snacks, drinks and watermelon.

Mediablitz was first developed several years ago by the various ECAB communications clubs to offer the Drew community a chance to enjoy the weather of early spring and warm-up for FAP.

Since then, the concept has snowballed to include different clubs. This year's Mediablitz is the largest yet.

The event is being sponsored by Acorn, Drew Review, WMNJ, Commuter Council, Academic Forum and the Office of Student Activities.

By Ray Smith

Drew celebrates racial awareness

By Craig Abruzzo
Assistant News Editor

An estimated 300 marchers participated in a candlelight vigil to celebrate racial and ethnic harmony in memory of Al Waller on Wednesday night.

The march and celebration were in tribute to Waller who died at the age of 38 during surgery at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark on Monday, April 6. Waller was a theological instructor and a student of the graduate school. He had been a strong voice for racial harmony at Drew and had been a driving force behind the move for Drew to divest its interests in South Africa.

The vigil began in the Hazelton-Baldwin courtyard where participants lit candles and began their march to the back lawn of Mead Hall. Junior Cynthia Salter led the group in singing "Lift Every Heart and Sing" during the march.

The event included speeches by University Chaplain Jenny Jackson Adams, Professor of Philosophy Hans Morsink, a song by Sophomore Sheila Slappy and a tribute by Dean Trulear who was a close friend of Waller.



Acorn Photo/Craig Abruzzo

Hundreds of marchers gathered behind Mead Hall to celebrate racial and ethnic harmony on Wednesday night.

Trulear opened and closed his speech by saying, "When an old man dies, they say his time has come; When a young man dies, they wonder why." Trulear noted that Waller was a man who was always wondering and questioning, two things which made him very special to all who knew him.

Salter read a poem that she had written herself entitled "The Beauty of Diversity." She said that she was happy with the

event which she described as being "not a protest, but a celebration...it truly brought out what we call the Drew community." Sophomore Didi Kane shared Salter's feelings, saying "It was moving...I'm glad people can still come together for something like this."

The program was organized by chairperson David Lightfoot and a league of supporters including students, faculty, administrators and clubs.

Newman announces resignation

By Mike Pavlick
Editor

DEAN of Students Jane Newman announced her resignation last Tuesday, April 14, at a Student Government Association senate meeting. "I think change is always a good thing," said Newman in a brief address to the Senate.

In a recent Acorn interview, Newman said that July 1 is her official date of resignation, but that she will be available until July 15 for consultation in the selection or training of a successor.

Newman said that the "University is not sure whether to conduct a search [for a new Dean] or to hire an interim replacement."

Whatever the case, said Newman, "I want to do everything there is to ensure a smooth transition."

Rumors regarding her resignation had been circulating for a week before Newman

made the official announcement.

"I was aware of those rumors," Newman said, "and I wanted to make an announcement to quell those rumors."

"I'm outraged that The Acorn would run a story without contacting me first," said Newman in regards to The Acorn's special report on her resignation, which came out before her announcement. "The news analysis was ludicrous."

She was under no pressure to resign, said Newman, and in fact, "The decision was at my initiative."

The subject of resignation was first discussed at an April 4 meeting with Newman and Dean of the College Paolo Cucchi. Newman finalized her decision later in the week.

Her main reason for resigning, Newman said, was to bring new life to Student Development. "I've been at Drew for 14 years, and along the way, I've had the opportunity to see a lot of change," said Newman. "I think the changes I've in-

stituted can profit by my leaving."

"My resignation will allow things to happen that can not happen while I'm here," she added.

"Enormously frustrating" for Newman was her inability to voice her concerns for student life to President Hardin and his cabinet, which includes Executive Vice-President Scott McDonald, Vice-President for Development William Wehner, Dean of the College Cucchi, Acting Dean of the Theological School Charles Courtney and Dean of the Graduate School Merrill Skaggs.

"I was enormously frustrated by the inability to be as strong a voice on the cabinet," Newman said. "It was frustrating for me, frustrating for students."

Part of the problem, said Newman, was the fact that she was promoted from within, and didn't carry the power a person from outside the school might.

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The voice of Drew WMNJ provides new "Insight"

By Nicole Palmieri
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WMNJ has increased its news programming this semester with weekly programs, news specials, and daily news reports.

One special news program created by Dalton Einhorn is "Insight" which airs Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. "Insight" deals with a variety of issues that effect the Drew community and Madison. Previous programs have included discussions on hazardous waste, solid waste, and AIDS. A typical program consists of a brief intro-

duction of the topic by Einhorn and interviews with special guests who are experts on the topics of interest.

Guests have included Mike DeBonus of the state department who is an expert on solid waste and landfills, Assemblyman Rodney Frelinghuysen from the state legislature and Dr. Jennings who discussed the psychological aspects of AIDS. "Insight" will feature Dr. Kleiner on April 28 who will discuss the clinical aspects of AIDS.

Guests which Einhorn hopes to interview on future shows include Congressman Dean Gallo, Vietnam veterans, a

representative from Planned Parenthood and a professor from Princeton.

At present, the program is of a more informative than controversial nature. Einhorn said he would first like to build up the reputation of the program before delving into more controversial areas of discussion.

As a new feature this semester, "Insight" has not been widely publicized, however, WMNJ News Director Geoffrey Handy envisions "a 1987-1988 full publicity campaign." Handy believes these pilot shows have been consistently improving and hopes that they will continue to improve and

grow in scope next year. The pilot shows have received good reactions from the listening audience according to Handy.

Another special WMNJ news feature which premiered this semester is News Monday, consisting of a ten minute news spots aired Monday nights at 6:00 pm which are hosted by members of the WMNJ news staff. These features address major issues of national and world importance.

Einhorn was elected as next year's news director during the WMNJ elections two weeks ago.